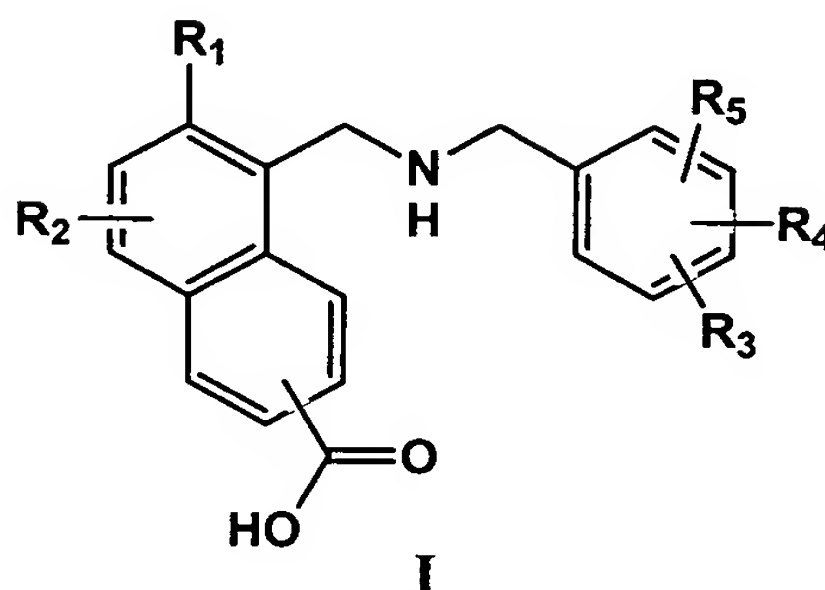


ABSTRACT

This invention provides compounds of Formula I having the structure



5 wherein:

R_1 is hydroxyl, alkoxy of 1-4 carbons or $-O(CH_2)_nX$;

n is an integer of 1-3;

X is $CONHR_6$ or CO_2R_6 ;

10 R_2 is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, alkyl of 1-4 carbons, alkoxy of 1-4 carbons or acyl of 1-4 carbons;

R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are each independently, hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, alkyl of 1-4 carbons, alkoxy of 1-4 carbons, acyl of 1-4 carbons, CF_3 , OCF_3 , SO_2NHR_6 , NR_6R_7 or CO_2R_6 ;

15 R_6 , and R_7 are each independently, hydrogen, alkyl of 1-4 carbons, or alkylaryl where the aryl group is substituted with R_2 ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which are useful in treating metabolic disorders related to insulin resistance or hyperglycemia.